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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF US
STATEMENT SUMMARIZING RESULTS OF CW CONSULTATIONS DELIVERED
AT FINAL SESSION AUGUST 27. BEGIN TEXT

2. WHILE MANY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, BOTH OF PRINCIPLE AND
DETAIL, REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF A
JOINT INITIATIVE IN THE CCD ON THE SUBJECT OF CHEMICAL WARFARE
LIMITATIONS, AS A RESULT OF OUR CONSULTATIONS THE U.S. DELEGATION
BELIEVES THAT THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET SIDES
CORRESPOND ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS;

(A) A GENERAL PURPOSE CRITERION SHOULD BE THE PRINCIPAL CRITERION
FOR DEFINING THE AGENTS SUBJECT TO PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION.

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(B) CRITERIA BASED ON TOXICITY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SUPPLEMENTARY

TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE CRITERION.

(C) A USEFUL STARTING POINT FOR DISCUSSION OF A TOXICITY THRESHOLD INTENDED TO INCLUDE ALL CHEMICALS WITH POTENTIAL AS A LETHAL AGENT IS A MEDIAN LETHAL DOSE LCT (50) OF 20,000 MG-MIN PER CUBIC METER.

(D) THE ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION WHICH MAY BE USED IN TOXICITY DETERMINATION INCLUDE THE INHALATION AND SUBCUTANEOUS ROUTES. THE USE OF OTHER ROUTES COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSION.

(E) ANY TOXICITY THRESHOLD SHOULD BE EXPRESSED IN EQUIVALENT VALUES OF MEDIAN LETHAL DOSE LD (50) OR LCT (50) FOR EACH ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION AGREED UPON.

(F) STANDARD EXPERIMENTAL METHODS FOR MEASURING TOXICITY SHOULD BE SPECIFIED FOR EACH ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION AGREED UPON.

(G) AT THIS STAGE, IT IS NOT YET NECESSARY TO SPECIFY A PRECISE VALUE FOR A TOXICITY THRESHOLD OR THE EXPERIMENTAL METHODS TO BE USED.

(H) WITHOUT REGARD TO THE ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFERENCES IN OUR POSITIONS REGARDING THE AUSPICES UNDER WHICH VERIFICATION WOULD BE CONDUCTED, WE APPEAR TO SHARE THE VIEW THAT FROM A TECHNICAL STANDPOINT:

(1) VERIFICATION OF DESTRUCTION OF DECLARED STOCKS WOULD REQUIRE CONFIRMATION THAT THE STOCKS WERE ACTUALLY DESTROYED AND THAT THE TYPE AND QUANTITY OF AGENT DESTROYED CORRESPONDED WITH THE STATEMENTS IN THE DECLARATION.

(2) PROCEDURES EMPLOYING SEALS, AS DESCRIBED IN WORKING PAPERS CCD/332 AND CCD/498, COULD BE USED TO VERIFY THAT FACILITIES THAT HAD BEEN CLOSED DOWN WERE NOT REACTIVATED.

(I) A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT SHOULD CONTAIN A NON-ACQUISITION, NON-TRANSFER PROVISION SIMILAR TO THOSE FOUND IN OTHER ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS.

3. AMONG THE QUESTIONS REQUIRING FURTHER CONSIDERATION THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THOSE RELATED TO THE SCOPE OF A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT AND ITS VERIFICATION WILL BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.
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